



ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 24.

THE REMARKS of the GAZETTE to which a communication in another part of to-day's paper refers, were to the effect that if the benefits of the fish commission were no more apparent elsewhere than in the Potomac, its expense was hardly warranted. And those remarks were based upon information obtained from some of the oldest, best informed and most experienced fishermen on the Potomac, the consensus of whose opinions on the subject was that the catch of fish in the Potomac is infinitely less than formerly, and that it is growing smaller every year. They say, too, that not only is the supply less, but the demand also, and that consequently the price has diminished. Fish were formerly packed in immense numbers not only in this city, but at most all the many fishing shores on the river, and both here and at the shores an enormous fish trade was done with the farmers of the back country, who during the fishing season would come with their wagons for their year's supply of shad and herring. Why, so great has been the decrease in the catch that many of the most famous shores on the river have been abandoned, and the few that are yet fished rent for little or nothing, though they formerly rented for thousands of dollars. That fewer fish are caught in the Potomac now than formerly is as well known to every man at all familiar with the subject as the other patent fact, that there are fewer wild ducks on that river now than in by-gone years, and the most experienced fishermen believe that it is just as possible and no more so, to restock the Potomac with wild ducks by the artificial hatching of duck eggs and turning the young ducks into the river, as it is to restock it with fish by the fish commission. Another fact about fish is also known to the fishermen, and that is that the shad mother does stay by and protect her young, for the pounds in which a shad that has recently spawned has been caught are always surrounded by millions of young shad, but not one is ever seen near pounds in which there are only unspawned shad.

AT THE last congressional election in the Petersburg district there were two republican candidates, a white and a black one, and one democratic candidate. The vote received by the two former showed that the full republican vote of the district was polled. It is also well known that not only was General Mahone's influence and that of all the other leading white republicans in the district, except Mr. Brady, but also that of many of the negro leaders. A. W. Harris for instance, used against Langston. The necessary result of all this republican opposition to Langston was that Mr. Venable was elected by a considerable majority, and that fact was conceded even by the republican members of the elections committee of the U. S. House of Representatives until they received letters from northern negroes threatening to desert the republican party if Langston were not seated. Save and except the steal of the Presidency by the same party in 1876, there never was a more outrageous theft than that of Mr. Venable's seat in the Congress of the United States.

AND so an Ohio republican Congressman thinks the exhibition of Confederate flags and the erection of Confederate monuments in the South must be prohibited, and is consulting his colleagues about the advisability of introducing a resolution to that effect in the U. S. House of Representatives. If he shall, it will probably be adopted, and be followed by another, prohibiting Dixie and other southern songs from being sung, and gray cloth from being worn, throughout the limits of the South. Well, the South has stood worse things. After awhile restrictions will be put upon northern democracy. When judges are removed because their decisions are not in accord with the policy of the President, and when U. S. vessels are sent to take possession of southern towns, and their marines to search southern homes, nothing else that may be done under a republican form of government can be surprising. It is what the republicans don't do that evokes the emotion of surprise.

THE THREAT of northern and western negroes to abandon the republican party if Langston were not seated, was the sole cause of the action of the northern republican majority of the elections committee of the U. S. House of Representatives yesterday in determining to turn Mr. Venable out of the seat to which he was fairly and legally elected, and to give it to a negro who, according to the testimony of General Mahone, ex-Congressman Hooper, Mr. Van Aiken, and all the other prominent white republicans in the Petersburg district, except one, was not elected, either fairly or otherwise. This shows the potency of northern negro influence upon northern republican Congressmen. If these negroes were wise they would profit by this lesson, and use their now demonstrated influence as a means of getting their full share of the swag.

THE DETERMINATION of the republican majority of the elections committee of the U. S. House of Representatives to deprive Mr. Venable of his seat in that body as a fairly and legally elected representative of the people of the Petersburg district, and to give it to Langston, his negro contestant, shows that General Mahone's influence is as

impotent with the republicans in Congress as it is with the republican President. General Mahone did all he could do to have Langston's claim rejected, and yet it was granted by the General's own political allies.

ASSISTANT Postmaster General Clarkson, the most pronounced of all scoundrels and flouters of the civil service law, received an ovation at the hands of the republican party of Massachusetts in Boston last night. During the speech he made on the occasion, he said it would be "clearly within the power of the government to put the election of U. S. Representatives, Senators and Presidential electors under the sole and entire control of federal officials," and was loudly applauded for saying so. But, from the first, republicans have held that there is a higher law than the Constitution.

THE U. S. Supreme Court yesterday decided to vacate its recent mandate escheating the property of the Mormon church, for the purpose, it is understood, of ascertaining if there be not some way by which that property can be returned to a source that will not use it in propagating the Mormon religion. And yet the Constitution provides, in effect, that all religions shall be treated alike.

#### FROM WASHINGTON.

(Special Correspondence of the Alex. Gazette.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24, 1880.

The statement, first printed in this correspondence, to the effect that an Ohio congressman had prepared a resolution for prohibiting the exhibition of Confederate flags and the erection of Confederate monuments in the United States, was telegraphed from here last night to all points of the country, and was the subject of general talk among the southern members of Congress this morning. Senator Barbour said if the northern people really intend to treat their fellow citizens of the South as step-children, the sooner they say so in express terms the better for the latter, who will then know what to expect, and will act accordingly. And what the Virginia Senator said expressed in brief the general opinion of all the others on the subject. The resolution has not yet been introduced, but will be, its author says, as soon as he can formulate it so as to make it effect the desired object, for which purpose he is consulting the best legal and constitutional talent on his side of the House.

No quorum was present at the meeting of the Senate committee on public buildings and grounds this morning, so the resolution for a bridge over the Potomac at Arlington, which has been referred to that committee, was not acted upon. Nor has the subcommittee of the House military committee to whom the Mr. Vernon Avenue bill was referred acted upon that bill yet.

Judge Ashton, of King George county, Va., was at the Capitol today to urge the passage of a bill for the relief of Captain Redmond, of his county, whose vessel was burnt during the war. Judge Christian, of Virginia, is also here on professional business.

Messrs. D. C. Forney, J. L. Barbour and Cazenove Lee of this city appeared before a sub-committee of the House District of Columbia committee to-day in advocacy of the application of the Washington and Arlington Railroad Company to cross the Potomac river on the piers of the old Alexandria canal aqueduct at Georgetown.

A bill to regulate the practice of medicine in the District of Columbia was reported favorably to the Senate to-day. It provides for the appointment of a board of examiners to examine applicants for license to practice, which shall consist of 15 members, 5 of them homeopaths and 2 eclectics, leaving the regulars with a majority of one.

Bills were favorably reported in the Senate to-day authorizing the Postmaster General, the Secretary of the Interior and the Attorney General to select a site for a new Postoffice Department, and for the purchase of the triangular square on the south side of Pennsylvania avenue and north of O street, between 11th and 12th streets, for a new city postoffice.

It seems to be the prevailing opinion among the Virginians here that the next chairman of the democratic committee of their State will be either Col. S. W. Venable, of Baltimore; J. Taylor Ellyson, of Richmond, or Mr. Thomas Martin, of Albemarle county.

Speaker Reed this morning received a telegraphic announcement of the death of his mother at Deering, a suburb of Portland, Me. The Speaker will start for home tomorrow.

Representative Lee and Col. L. Q. Washington accompanied Mr. Lawrence Washington, son of the late Washington owner of Mount Vernon, to the State Department to-day, where they saw Secretary Blaine in reference to a resolution now before Congress for the purchase of certain relics of Gen. Washington that have descended as heirlooms to Mr. Lawrence Washington. The Secretary was very affable, expressed himself as favorable to the resolution, and said that on a recent visit to Mount Vernon he disliked to see there other relics than those of Washington. Mr. Blaine also informed his visitors that his grandfather was a soldier in Gen. Washington's army.

Ohio people here to-day say the row kicked up among the republicans of their State by the selection of Foraker as temporary chairman of the coming republican convention of Ohio, will secure the election of the democratic State ticket, which was hardly expected before.

Senator Davis, of Minnesota, an ultra republican, introduced a proposed amendment to the tariff bill in the Senate to-day, to remove the high duty on binding twine, which, he said, was considered by the farmers of the northwest as "oppressive, exacting and extortionate."

The bill to prohibit fishing in the waters of the District of Columbia, which has passed the Senate, has been received by the House, and referred to the District of Columbia committee of that body. Mr. Bowen, of Virginia, has been selected as the Virginia member of the republican Congressional campaign committee.

#### [COMMUNICATED.]

The statement in the GAZETTE last evening that some republican member of Congress was disposed to introduce a resolution in Congress to prevent the erection of statues to distinguished Confederate leaders to my mind a passage in the annals of Treitschke which seems applicable to the occasion. In mentioning the funeral of Junia who was the wife of Caius Cassius and the sister of the most illustrious families, the Manlii, Quinctii and others of equal rank, preceded the procession; the images of Brutus and Cassius were not displayed, and he adds: "Sed prestantibus Cassius atque Brutus eo ipso quod officio eorum non visabantur." The proposed passage of such a resolution evidently designed to apply to the unveiling of Gen. Lee's statue in Richmond would only intensify the devotion of the Southern people to this illustrious man, of whom it may with truth be said in the language of his distinguished father in his tribute to Gen. Washington, "First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen."

CIVIS.

The Rev. Father Stephen M. Barrett, of St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church, at Chicago, who was shot last evening by a man named Patrick Keady, died this morning. Keady has for some time been insane.

#### Episcopal Council.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.  
(Reported for the Alexandria Gazette.)

FREDERICKSBURG, May 23.—Divine service was held in St. George's Church at ten o'clock. Prayers were read by Rev. Wm. M. Dame, of Baltimore, and the sermon was preached by Rev. Nelson Dame, of Winchester, from the first epistle of St. John chapter 5: 12.

After service the Council met for business. The minutes were read and approved, when the first special order of the day on Diocesan Missions was taken up. Rev. Dr. Pike Powers presented the report of the executive committee, from which the chief items of interest are gathered. Parishes in 38 counties have been assisted, with an aggregate of 39 ministers, some of whom were aided only a part of the year, because of their resignation, or taking charge of the work after the meeting of the last council. Seven colored ministers have also been aided. Special appropriations have been made to the amount of \$200 and \$100 to Rev. Job Turner, missionary to deal water. About \$9,000 in all has been appropriated, besides paying the salary of Rev. Everett Meade. Over \$3,000 has been contributed by the Sunday school children making a full total of \$12,006.67, the largest amount ever contributed to Diocesan Missions. A resolution was offered and approved by Council instructing the diocesan missionary committee to employ under the direction of the Bishop, and at his discretion, one or more evangelists to be supported by the society, and that the children be requested to contribute their lenten offerings, since these have assisted the work so much. A motion highly approving of *Our Diocesan Work* thanking Rev. Pike Powers for his arduous and faithful duties as editor, and asking the clergy and laity to do all in their power to extend the circulation of the paper was unanimously passed. 5,000 copies of the June issue were directed to be printed for distribution.

Rev. B. M. Randolph offered a resolution asking the executive of the diocesan Missionary Society to apportion the vacant churches into districts of about 10 or 15 vacant churches and appoint evangelists over the same to the number of five. There was considerable discussion on this resolution which was laid on the table by a vote of 78 to 37.

The second special order of the day on invested funds now came up. The report of the committee on this subject was presented by Mayor R. Taylor Scott. It was judged inadvisable to ask the Legislature of Virginia to incorporate the Diocesan Council for holding trust funds, as there might be questions raised about the fundamental law of the State on the matter, so the whole subject was again referred to a committee to report at the next Council.

Rev. W. T. Roberts then presented the report of the committee on Sunday school instruction books, as the third special order of the day. The revision of Bishop Burgess's work on the catechism was offered to the Council, and a select list of Sunday school library books was read as a provisional and tentative list for future work along this line. It was suggested that the approved list be called the Bishop Whittle Sunday school library.

Rev. Dr. Grammar then offered the report of the committee on the state of the church. The statistical records as given by the Bishop, parochial and other reports are highly encouraging. There is, however, great ground for anxiety in the increased number of vacant churches, so it is hoped the diocesan missionary society may receive all the contributions possible for helping them and other churches still dependent upon the society. A warning voice was raised against certain errors of doctrine, such as the denial of man's inherent immortality, and the expectation of a future probation. The enforcement of discipline was also recognized as a sure mark of vitality and purity.

Rev. H. Suter, of Alexandria, reported that the assets of the Disabled Clergy Fund were well invested; \$900 has been granted to its beneficiaries in excess of former stipends. But the contributions from the churches have been less this year, which it is hoped will not again occur.

The report of the general condition of the Brotherhood is not at all encouraging. Col. Skinner urged a greater interest in its affairs and on his recommendation its affairs and organization were referred to a committee to report at next Council.

The report of the committee on clerical support was encouraging, considering the depressed financial condition of the country parishes.

A resolution was offered by Dr. Sprigg and unanimously passed by the council appropriating to Bishop Whittle \$500, so as to enable him to take a holiday of four months in view of the present condition of his health which has never been entirely restored.

Maj. R. Taylor Scott was appointed to fill the vacancy in the board of trustees of the Virginia Female Institute caused by the death of Gen. Francis H. Smith. This well known school is in a flourishing condition under the management of Mrs. J. E. B. Stuart.

Rev. Beverly Tucker offered a resolution of thanks to the rector and wardens of St. George's Church, and the people of Fredericksburg, for their generous hospitality, which was unanimously carried. Thanks were also extended to the city council, the Presbyterian and Baptist brethren for their chamber chapel and lecture room kindly offered to the church council for the use of committee and other meetings.

The Council adjourned at two o'clock to meet again at four in the evening.

#### FRIDAY EVENING.

The election of standing committee was taken up. The old executive committee of the diocesan Missionary Society and the committee on church property were elected. The old standing committee, with the name of L. M. Blackford in place of Cassius F. Lee, deceased, was re-elected.

A resolution was offered by Rev. Dr. Grammar asking the Council to condemn the teaching and preaching in our pulpits of the doctrines which deny natural immortality, or affirm a probation and the possibility of repentance after death, as being no part of the gospel committed to the church. Dr. Sprigg spoke very forcibly against the council passing its decision on doctrinal points, while personally confessing the action of the preacher of this morning. Rev. Nelson Dame, in bringing controverted doctrines before the Council, owing to which this discussion ensued.

Rev. Prof. Grammar spoke to the same effect as Dr. Sprigg, while Rev. James Grammer advocated council action on the matter with his usual logical ability.

After other discussion Dr. Hancock strongly maintained that the Council had a right to express by resolution its disapprobation of erroneous doctrines. As he did not hear the sermon he was able to disassociate all personalities from his arguments.

Discussion was carried on for some time longer, until Rev. Beverly Tucker moved, as a substitute for Dr. Grammar's motion, that the Council especially endorse that portion of the report of the committee on the state of the church which refers to doctrine, and orders 5,000 copies of the same to be distributed throughout the diocese. This was carried by an overwhelming majority.

Rev. Dr. Philip Slaughter was requested by the Council to write a history of the Diocese of Virginia for Sunday schools. Council then adjourned to meet at eight o'clock to-night.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT.

Mr. Thomas Potts read the report of the committee on finance. The accounts of the diocese were found correct. Last year \$13,000 was collected for contingent expenses. Of this \$11,238.83 had been paid out for diocesan expenses, and \$2,500 invested.

Bishop Randolph then presented the report of the committee on the substitute for the present Canon XIII concerning the organization of colored mission churches. It was unanimously adopted. The report authorizes the organization of mission churches composed exclusively of colored people; the appointment by the Bishop of presbyters to have supervision of such churches; authorizes the holding of a colored convention and that such convention shall elect two deacons and two laymen to represent them in the Council.

The Rev. A. A. Gooden spoke in terms of high approval of the legislation for the colored people, and earnestly commended them to the care of the Diocese of Virginia.

The Council will meet for Divine services tomorrow (Saturday) at ten o'clock, and then adjourn after the transaction of some routine business.

The next meeting will be in Grace Church, Potomac, on the third Wednesday in May 1881. The Council has been characterized by harmony and conservatism in its deliberations. The most important announcement was that made by Bishop Whittle giving his consent to the division of the diocese. The committee upon whom the consideration of this question will devolve will report, and doubtless action will be taken on division at the next meeting.

The colored question after years of anxious deliberation has been satisfactorily settled. The growth of the work among these people during the past year testifies to the wisdom of conciliar legislation on this subject.

It is uncertain whether there will be any address from either of the Bishops on Sunday night. The majority of the delegates leave on Saturday. The services have all been well attended not only by the Episcopalians of the city, but by the numerous visitors and members of the churches in the town.

#### NEWS OF THE DAY.

The U. S. Supreme Court adjourned yesterday until October.

Five steamships left New York to-day, crowded with Americans for Europe.

Fletcher Harper, of the publishing firm of Harper & Brothers, of New York, is dead.

An insect called the saw fly is reported to be ruining the wheat in various sections of Illinois.

The Panama canal committee reports that the whole canal will be cut through impenetrable soil.

An imperial ukase will shortly be issued in Russia, forbidding Jews to engage in the publication of journals of political character.

George Dunnaway, who recently outraged and murdered his cousin and also killed his mother at Murfreesboro, Tenn., has been captured.

"Jack the Ink Slinger," that peculiar species of man who has been proving a terror to ladies in New York, was captured at midnight last night.

A formal announcement of the candidacy of Robert E. Pattison for the democratic nomination for Governor of Pennsylvania, was made yesterday.

The house of the Rev. Mr. McDuffie, of New Brunswick, N. J., who has been preaching against Roman Catholicism, was stoned by a mob yesterday.

A combination of all the operating air electric light companies in Baltimore, it is stated, has been effected by the Westinghouse company of Pittsburgh.

The heaviest rain and electrical storm known in years passed over a large section of western Pennsylvania yesterday evening, doing great damage to property and resulting in the loss of several lives.

In Boston last night Assistant Postmaster General Clarkson made a speech on the southern question, civil service reform and tariff. He was extremely bitter against the South and foreshadowed the federal election bill the republicans propose to pass.

At the diocesan council of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Alabama yesterday, Rev. John S. Lindsay, of Boston, was elected assistant bishop. Rev. Dr. Lindsay is a native of Virginia and is between 40 and 50 years of age. He has filled a number of charges in this State, including that at Warrenton, and was until a year ago at Georgetown, D. C., when he was called to a very important charge in Boston.

#### Religious Bodies.

The Southern Presbyterian General Assembly at Asheville yesterday adopted the reports of the committees on publication, education, Sabbath-schools, systematic beneficence, narrative and the Sabbath. The report on the Sabbath refers to Sunday newspapers as encouraging evil, and church members were asked not to countenance them in any way. The auditing committee examined the accounts of Rev. Dr. Wilson, treasurer of the assembly, and found them neatly and properly kept. The cash accounts show a balance of \$228.

Bishop Haywood, the newly-consecrated bishop, presided over the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South at St. Louis yesterday. After religious exercises and the adoption of a memorial on the death of Rev. Nathan Scarlett, of Kansas City, the regular order was suspended to allow the consideration of a committee report recommending that the board of church extension establish a system of mutual insurance for churches. The report was rejected.

In the Presbyterian General Assembly at Saratoga yesterday Dr. Patton offered an amendment to Dr. McCracken's plan providing for a committee of revision containing not less than fifteen, of which not more than two shall be appointed by any one synod and to report to the next general assembly; alterations to be sent down to presbyteries; two-thirds of presbyteries necessary to adopt the charges; said committee to be restrained from proposing changes such as will alter the Calvinistic character of the standards and to propose only such as will remove popular misapprehension. The plan seemed to meet the approval of a majority of the members of the Assembly.

#### Mount Vernon Regents.

The council of the ladies of the Mount Vernon Association came to a close yesterday evening. The question of the erection of the fire-proof building for the better preservation of the Washington relics, which are accumulating, was postponed for another year.

It is proposed to erect on the wharf a small iron building as a telegraph and telephone station, and Mount Vernon will then be in easy communication with all parts of the world. Mrs. Commins, of Savannah, Ga., has been elected by the association to take the place of Mrs. Eve, of that State, who died two years ago. The other vacancies in the board will not be filled until next year.

Two interesting gifts were added to the collection to-day by the presentation through Mrs. Washington, the vice-regent for West Virginia, of two sofa cushions, which were embroidered by Martha Washington. These cushions were originally gift from Mrs. Washington to her granddaughter, Eliza Castle, and were presented by Mrs. George Goldsborough, of Maryland. Mrs. Harrison and a number of her friends were among the visitors yesterday.



ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

#### Proceedings of Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.  
SENATE.

A petition from the sugar planters of Texas against a reduction of the duty on sugar, was presented.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, reported back, with amendments, the House bill for the acquisition of certain parcels of real estate in Washington city for a city post office; and Senate bill for the purchase of a site for a building for the use of the post office department and of the city post office. Both bills were placed on the calendar.

The Senate bills were also reported and placed on the calendar to regulate the practice of medicine and of dentistry in the District of Columbia and to prevent empiricism.

Mr. Wilson, of Iowa, asked and obtained unanimous consent that on Tuesday next, after the routine morning business, the bill subjecting imported liquors to the provisions of the laws of the several States shall be taken up, and its consideration continued until disposed of.

Mr. Stewart at first objected to the deplacement of the silver bill, remarking that he did not think that the country was suffering so much from the liquor business as it was from the lack of currency. He thought that the people of Iowa could get along better if they had money to pay their debts.

Mr. Wilson resented Mr. Stewart's remark, and said that the people of Iowa were prepared to pay their debts, and were, in every respect, in as good a condition as the people of Nevada.

Mr. Stewart—Very well. I interpose no objection; but, hereafter, I shall object to anything but appropriation bills until the silver bill is disposed of.

Mr. Blackburn presented the credentials of John G. Carlisle, as Senator from the State of Kentucky, for Mr. Beck's unexpired term, which commenced on March 4, 1880. They were read and placed on file.

#### HOUSE.

In his prayer this morning, the Chaplain made a feeling allusion to the death of the Speaker's mother. During the delivery of the prayer the Speaker occupied the chair, but while the clerk was reading the journal he left the hall, designating Mr. Perkins, of Kansas, to preside in his stead.

The House went into committee of the whole on the river and harbor bill.

#### Foreign News.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 24.—The Turkish officer and the five students who were arrested for assaulting the wife and daughter of the Chief Dragoman of the Russian embassy, were promptly put on trial, found guilty, and sentenced to undergo imprisonment for six months. The Sultan has ordered that when the sentence expires the offenders shall be banished for life.

PARIS, May 24.—The *Siecle* publishes a telegram from St. Petersburg, giving the details of a conspiracy, the centre of which is said to be in Berlin, for the organization of a rising against Russia in the Baltic provinces.

#### The Chicago Dynamiters.

CHICAGO, May 24.—The discovery was made here this morning of unmistakable traces of an attempt to blow up the Haymarket Monument and the surrounding buildings with a gigantic charge of dynamite. The powder in the can had burned out leaving the outer covering intact. It is believed that the heavy rain of last night prevented an explosion which must have been most disastrous in its consequences. The cap on the unlighted piece of fuse is precisely like the one that Lingg used in taking his own life. The charge of dynamite was enough to blow up several blocks.

#### Cedar Key's Fugitive Mayor.

CEDAR KEYS, May 24.—Cottrell, the fugitive Mayor, is still uncaptured and is likely to remain so. The expedition up the Suwannee river in search of him by the revenue cutter McLane was abandoned because the captain did not dare to trust any of the pilots there. Thursday night the Council of the town met and received information from Cottrell's friends to the effect that the Mayor would never return. Then the Council declared the office vacant, and ordered a new election for June 23.

#### The Northern Presbyterians.

SARATOGA, May 24.—The plan for the appointment of a revision committee passed the Presbyterian General Assembly this morning. The report of the committee on the consensus creed was made the next order.

Dr. Erskine then read the report of the committee on revision. The committee refuses to propose any alterations or amendments that will in any way impair the integrity of the Reformed or Calvinistic system of doctrine taught in the Confession of Faith. The report was adopted unanimously.

#### Collisions at Sea.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Representative Dingley, of Maine, to-day introduced in the House a bill for the adoption of the international regulations for vessels on the high seas, proposed by the marine conference. Mr. Dingley also introduced the bill providing that in case of collision at sea, it shall be the duty of each vessel to stay by the other and render such assistance as may be required.

#### The Behring Sea Matter.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 24.—Senator MacDonald, speaking of the Behring Sea matter says: "The sealers will simply ignore the action of the American executive. The Canadian sealing fleet will go into Behring Sea, as they consider they have a perfect right to do. I have long thought that the whole matter will be brought to sudden maturity by some act of bloodshed on one side or the other."

#### Telegraphic Brevities.

Yale College crew won by one length after an exciting finish in the race at New Haven, Conn., to-day.

Denny Kelleher, and Joe Ellingworth, middleweights, fought fifty rounds at San Francisco last night for a purpose of \$1,000. Kelleher was knocked out in the fifth round.

Several counties in Kentucky, and some of the more southern counties of West Virginia were swept last night by a tornado. Several persons were injured and much damage was done to property.

A Chicago paper says that by the completion of three deals within the past few days, the school-book publishing trust has been completed, ninety per cent. of that entire business in the United States having been taken in.

The trial at San Francisco, of John F. Naughton, secretary of the Garretty Endowment Association, who shot and killed M. M. Herr, vice president of the company, last February, yesterday resulted in the acquittal of the defendant.

A party of capitalists including P. D. Armour, of Chicago, have obtained nearly 2,000 acres of land near San Francisco, on which they will establish a large pork packing plant. The capital stock of the new enterprise is placed at \$2,500,000.

During the prevalence of a severe rain and thunder storm at Salineville, Ohio, yesterday afternoon, George Patterson, together with his wife and two children, while taking shelter under a large tree were struck by lightning and sustained fatal injuries.

Frank Fish, who killed John Callinan, at Canandaigua, N. Y., on the night of Jan. 26 last, was this morning sentenced to die by electricity at Auburn state prison during the week of July 12th. Fish is only 26 years of age.

#### Earthquake.

BILLINGS, Mont., May 24.—At an early hour yesterday a very severe earthquake shock was felt all over this country. Two brick houses were shaken down and considerable glass was shattered. A dance was in progress at the hotel, and the severity of the shock floored several dancers and left the party in a fright.

A bill has been introduced in the House in conformity with the Pan-American Conference resolution providing for a railway connecting North and South America.

#### MONEY AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, May 24.—The opening of the stock market was more generally at strictly figures than those of the close of last evening, but the decline, except in a few stocks, went no further, and while the movements in the regular list were confined to the smallest fractions as a rule, the general movements were upward. At 11 o'clock the market was fairly active and steady, generally at small fractions better than first prices.

BALTIMORE, May 24.—Virginia Gas consolidated 54; 10-40s 44; do 3s 68 1/2 46 1/2.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET, May 24.—The market is firm and prices slightly higher. We quote: Wheat 65a/2; Corn 42a/5; Rye 45a/53, and Oats 33a/36.

BALTIMORE, May 24.—Cotton firm; middling 12 1/2. Four quiet. Wheat—Southern quiet and firm; Fall 75a/2; longberry 30/33; No 2 2 1/2; steamer No 2 red 88 1/2; Western easy; No 2 winter red spot and May 92 1/2 1/2; July and August 93 1/2 1/2; Sept. 93 1/2 1/2; Corn—Southern quiet; white 40a/43; yellow 42a/44; Western, put steady; futures easy; mixed spot 41 1/2 1/2; May 41 1/2 1/2; June and July 40 1/2 1/2; Aug 40 1/2 1/2; Oct 38 1/2; steamer 35 1/2; Oats steady; ungraded Southern and Pennsylvania do Western, white 32 1/2; do mixed 34a/35; graded No 2 white 36 1/2; Rye firm; choice 63a/65; prime 61a/62; good to fair 58a/60. Hay dull; prime to choice timothy 12 1/2 1/2 1/2. Provisions fairly active.

CHICAGO, May 24.—11:25 a. m.—Wheat—June 96 1/2;